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Date of entry in Register: 29 July 1998
Name of applicant/court: Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Sex Teen IV
Other Known Titles: Sixteen 16 No 4
Director: Not Stated
Producer: Not Stated
Publisher: Not Applicable
Author: Not Applicable
Format: Video Recording VHS/PAL
Country of Origin: Not Stated
Language: German

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Sex Teen IV	Running time:	29.04
Trailers:	Videorama Praesentiert Notice	Running time:	0.11
Total Running time:			29.15

Excision/Alteration: Yes.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Three excisions are required to the video recording. One excision is to remove the title and the first scene of the video recording, which contain a strong youthful element to the extent that the video recording as a whole promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. The title *Sex Teen IV* advertises the video recording's sexual content and the involvement of young persons, specifically teenagers. The scene *Tina and Arnold* strongly reinforces the youthful theme of the title by depicting a young teenage female engaging in sexual activity with an adult male.

Two other excisions are required due to the level of degrading, dehumanising and demeaning elements in another scene of the video recording. One excision is to remove the close focus depiction of a female anally penetrating a second female with

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a bottle and pouring the contents of the bottle over her genital area. The second is to remove the depiction of a man ejaculating over a female's face after watching the female and a second female engaging in sexual activity. The manner of these scenes reduces the women to sets of body parts for men's use.

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Approved components of film after excision:

Feature:	Sex Teen IV	Running time:	22.06
Trailers:	Videorama Praesentiert Notice	Running time:	0.11

Total Amended Running time: 22.17

Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display Conditions:

on film

Either

The film must be publicly displayed only in premises, or a part of premises, set aside for the public display of restricted publications (whether or not articles other than restricted publications are also displayed in those premises or that part of those premises).

Or

The film must not be publicly displayed in any place in which the film is available for supply, and must be shown in that place only to persons who make a direct request for the film.

on poster

Either

Any film poster relating to the film (whether or not the poster is attached to the cassette, case, or other container in which the film is kept), must be publicly displayed only in premises, or a part of premises, set aside for the public display of restricted publications (whether or not articles other than restricted publications are also displayed in those premises or that part of those premises).

Or

Any film poster relating to the film (whether or not the poster is attached to the cassette, case, or other container in which the film is kept), must not be publicly displayed in any place in which the film is available for supply, and must be shown in that place only to persons who make a direct request for the poster.

Descriptive Note:

Contains explicit sex scenes.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The classification of the video recording *Sex Teen IV* has been reconsidered and altered. The video recording is now classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

This classification was dependent on three excisions being made.

The video recording contains a feature that is made up of three explicit scenes of sexual activity. The scenes are entitled *Tina and Arnold*, *Bumpers*, and *Saved at Sea*. The scenes are unrelated and set in various locations. The only dialogue in the feature is in German and occurs in the scene *Saved at Sea*. The production quality of the video recording is poor.

The title of the video recording and the scene *Tina and Arnold* contain a strong youthful theme to the extent that the video recording as a whole promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. The video recording is therefore deemed objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act). In an attempt to allow the video recording to have the widest possible availability consistent with the provisions of the FVPC Act and because the youthful themes were isolated to one scene, an excision to remove the title *Sex Teen IV* and the scene entitled *Tina and Arnold* was recommended.

The remainder of the video recording is judged to be objectionable due to the highly degrading, dehumanising and demeaning elements in the scene *Bumpers*. In an attempt to reduce these elements the Classification Office recommended that two excisions be made to the scene *Bumpers*. One excision is to remove the degrading, dehumanising and demeaning depiction of a female penetrating another female's anus with a bottle. The other excision is to remove the degrading and dehumanising image of a man masturbating and ejaculating onto the face of a female.

If three excisions were made to the video recording, one to remove the youthful themes, and two to remove degrading, dehumanising, and demeaning elements, the remaining material could be made available without likely injury, provided that the video recording is restricted to the adult viewers for whom it is intended. Three excisions were therefore recommended and subsequently agreed to by the owner of the video recording in a fax dated 25 June 1998.

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